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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SA, YS
SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PDRY

1. DURING APRIL 19 MEETING WITH PRINCE SAUD, FOREIGN MINISTER
RAISED MATTER OF U.S. RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH PDRY. HE SAID SAG RECOMMENDED WE MOVE AHEAD WITH RESTORATION
OF RELATIONS EVEN THOUGH SAG NOT COMPLETELY SURE OF DIRECTION
OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PDRY. HE SAID IT IS SAG VIEW THAT
ANY RELATIONS ARE BETTER THAN NONE AND THAT RELATIONS ARE BOUND
TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVEMENT OF SITUATION THERE. IT WOULD AT VERY
LEAST GIVE US FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON SITUATION IN COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: PRINCE SAUD SAID THIS WAS CONSIDERED RECOMMENDATION
OF SAG AND THEIR IMPRESSION IS THAT WE INTEND TO MOVE FORWARD
WITH RESTORATION OF FULL RELATIONS.
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